

THE PORT HOLE.

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UNDATED PACIFIC NEWS:

ONE OF THE MOST VITAL BLOWS OF THE PACIFIC WAR WAS STRUCK EARLY SUNDAY MORNING JAPANESE TIME BY AMERICA'S NEW TENTH ARMY WHEN YANK DOUGHBOYS AND MARINES INVADED OKINAWA MAIN ISLAND OF THE RYUKYUS JUST 325 MILES SOUTHWEST OF THE NIPPON HOMELAND. THE JAPANESE OFFERED AMAZINGLY LIGHT OPPOSITION ALONG THE 9000 YARD WEST COAST BEACHHEAD AND THE AMERICAN FORCES QUICKLY SEIZED TWO AIRFIELDS AND MORE THAN A DOZEN TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN THE AREA SOME TEN MILES NORTH OF THE NAVAL BASE CITY OF NAHA, CAPITAL OF OKINAWA. INITIAL YANK CASUALTIES WERE EXCEPTIONALLY LIGHT BUT AMERICAN COMMANDERS FELT THERE WAS A ROUGH FIGHT AHEAD. IN A SECOND SUNDAY COMMUNIQUE FLEET ADMIRAL CHESTER W. NIMITZ ANNOUNCED THE YANKS ADVANCED RAPIDLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND BY SIX P.M. TOKYO TIME FORWARD ELEMENTS OF BOTH THE INFANTRY AND MARINES HAD EXPANDED THEIR BEACHHEADS TO A DEPTH OF 3 MILES AT SEVERAL POINTS. ENEMY RESISTANCE CONTINUED LIGHT. LANDING BEACHES WERE SECURED AGAINST SMALL ARMS FIRE AND LANDING OF SUPPLIES WAS STARTED IMMEDIATELY. HEAVY WARSHIPS AND CARRIER PLANES CONTINUED THEIR BOMBARDMENT OF OKINAWA'S DEFENSES. FOUR ATTACKING JAPANESE PLANES WERE DESTROYED. FIFTY HUNDRED MILES TO THE SOUTH CARRIER PLANES FROM THE BRITISH TASK FORCE HEAVILY ATTACKED THE SAKISHIMA ISLANDS. THEY DESTROYED 14 AND DAMAGED SIX OF 20 ENEMY PLANES WHICH LANDED ON THE ISLANDS DURING THE RAID. THE RYUKYUS STANDING GUARD AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE EAST CHINA SEA WILL GIVE AMERICA NEW AIR BASES FOR MOUNTING RAIDS ON THE JAPANESE HOMELAND AERIAL STRIKES AGAINST FORMOSA AND A DOORWAY TO THE CHINA COAST. MEANWHILE A LARGE FORCE OF AMERICAN SUPERFORTRESSES STRIKING FROM THE MARIANAS RESUMED THE ATTACK ON TOKYO DISTRICT MILITARY TARGETS. THE STRIKE CAME ON THE HEELS OF THE OKINAWA LANDINGS. THE OKINAWA INVASION ARMADA OF MORE THAN 140 SHIPS PUT ASHORE ELEMENTS OF A YANK ARMY THAT MAY TOTAL 100,000 FIGHTING MEN. THEY FACE ABOUT 80,000 JAPANESE DEFENDERS ON THE 65 MILE LONG ISLAND. IT WAS APPARENT THAT PRE INVASION NAVAL GUN AND AERIAL BOMBARDMENTS OF TEN DAYS DURATION DROVE THE JAPANESE SOLDIERS TO THE HILLS. THE NIPPONESE OFFERED LITTLE OPPOSITION ON LAND AND NONE AT SEA OR IN THE AIR AS ASSAULT WAVES HIT THE BEACHES. AN HOUR LATER THEY DROPPED LIGHT MORTAR AND ARTILLERY FIRE ON THE BEACHHEADS AND ENGAGED IN A BRIEF TANK ACTION ON THE NORTHERN FLANK. IN THE SOFTENING UP OF THE RYUKYUS PRIOR TO THE LANDINGS AMERICAN AND BRITISH MEN OF WAR POURED AN ALMOST STEADY STREAM OF HOT SHELLS ASHORE WHILE SWARMS OF CARRIER PLANES BLASTED THE ISLANDS. ON MARCH 26 AN INFANTRY DIVISION INVADED THE KERAMA GROUP JUST OFF OKINAWA'S SOUTHWEST TIP. IN THOSE ISLANDS SOME 200 JAPANESE CIVILIAN MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN COMMITTED MASS SUICIDE IN THE FACE OF THE INVASION. IN THE KERAMAS THE AMERICANS SEIZED SCORES OF EXPLOSIVE LADEN SUICIDE BOATS INTENDED FOR USE AGAINST THE INVASION FLEET. JAPANESE DEAD IN THE PHILIPPINES WAS UPPED AN ADDITIONAL 10,971 TO A GRAND TOTAL IN EXCESS OF 311,000 BY GEN DOUGLAS MACARTHUR'S MONDAY COMMUNIQUE. HE SAID THE NEW DEAD HAD BEEN COUNTED SINCE MARCH 26TH. HE ALSO ADDED 185 PRISONERS TO HIS LIST. THE GENERAL SAID AMERICAN LOSSES IN THE SAME FIVE DAYS TOTALED 340 KILLED, 48 MISSING AND 919 WOUNDED. JAPANESE RESISTANCE STIFFENED ALONG THE UPPER MARIKINA LINE IN THE MOUNTAINS NORTHEAST OF MANILA.

SPOKANE WASH:.

JUST HOME FROM CABANATUAN PRISON CAMP IN THE PHILIPPINES SGT GLEN HASTROM EYED A FLUFFY CAT BELONGING TO A FRIEND "THAT CAT" HE MUSED WITH A SMILE "WOULD HAVE MADE GOOD EATING".

JERUSALEM...:

STANDING REVERENTLY IN THE "JESUS TOWER" OVERLOOKING THIS HOLY CITY AND THE SURROUNDING BARREN HILLS OF JUDEA AMERICAN SOLDIERS OBSERVED THE EASTER MORN WITH THEIR OWN RELIGIOUS SERVICE. AFTER THE SUNRISE WORSHIP WHICH WAS RELAYED BY RADIO TO THE UNITED STATES THE SOLDIERS VISITED THE HOLY SEPULCHRE IN THE OLD CITY SOME AMERICAN FIGHTING MEN ATTENDED ANOTHER RELIGIOUS SERVICE BEFORE THE TOMB AND OTHERS MADE A PILGRIMAGE TO THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE .GE

PARIS:.

AMERICAN ARMY CLOSED A TRAP ON THE RUHR AND THOUSANDS OF GERMANS SUNDAY AND FOUGHT TO WITHIN 165 MILES OF BERLIN AND 45 OF NURENBERG. TWO COLU'NS WERE WITHIN 100 MILES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN SWEEP ACROSS GERMANY. THE FAMED SECOND ARMORED DIVISION OF THE U S 9TH ARMY AND U S 1ST ARMY ELEMENTS MET AT 330 PM AT LIPSSTADT SEVENTY FIVE MILES EAST OF THE RHINE AND EIGHTEEN WEST OF PADERBORN THUS SEALING OFF THE LAST ESCAPE ROUTE FOR PERHAPS FORTY THOUSAND GERMANS IN THE RUBBLED RUHR. THE FOURTH ARMORED OFTEN CALLED THE BREAKTHROUGH DIVISION ROARED ALONG THE FRANKFURT BERLIN SUPERHIGHWAY WITHIN EIGHT MILES OF EISENACH PUTTING AMERICAN TROOPS WITHIN 162 MILES OF THE GERMAN CAPITAL. BUT THE GERMANS WERE REACTING WITH ORGANIZED RESISTANCE FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE RHINE BREAKTHROUGHS PARTICULARLY IN THE PADERBORN AND KASSEL AREAS. ALLIED PLANES REAPED SLAUGHTER AMONG NAZI TRANSPORTS FLEEING FROM THE CLOSING RUHR TRAP AND FROM THE SOUTHERN AND ZUNER ZEE OF HOLLAND. WHILE ALLIED SECURITY NEWS BLACKOUTCLOACKED ACTIONS IN THE NORTH BERLIN BROADCAST THAT BRITISH SECOND ARMY TANKS AND TROOPS HAS REACHED MUENSTER 225 MILES FROM THE CAPITAL BRITISH ARMOR WAS KNOWN TO HAVE PASSED POINTS SEVENTY MILES EAST OF THE RHINE. THIS WOULD PLACE THEM WELL BEYOND MUENSTER CATHEDRAL CITY OF 144,000. THIRD ARMY TANKS BROKE INTO THE SUBURBS OF KASSEL BERLIN SAID AFTER EARLIER FRONT DISPATCHES REPORTED THIS ARMORED PLUNGE HAD CHECKED BY STIFFENED RESISTANCE FIVE MILES SOUTH OF THE BIG MANUFACTURING CITY OF THE FULDA RIVER. THE 3RD ARMY HAD SWEEP ALMOST TWO THIRDS OF THE WAY ACROSS THE OF GERMANY AND STOOD 100 MILES FROM THE WESTERN TIP OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE U.S. SEVENTH ARMY WAS AS CLOSE TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ITS LAST ANNOUNCED ADVANCES HAD CARRIED WITHIN 45 MILES OF NBERNBERG GERMANY'S 16TH CITY WITH ALMOST HALF A MILLION POPULATION AND WITHIN 124 MILES OF MUNICH BAVARIAN CAPITAL. THE THIRD ARMY WAS BARELY MORE THAN 200 MILES FROM THE RUSSIANS ON THE NEISSE RIVER SOUTHEAST OF BERLIN. THE SEVENTH WAS 315 MILES FROM SOVIET TROOPS STRIKING INTO AUSTRIA. THE THIRD ARMY'S BAG OF PRISONERS SATURDAY WAS ESTIMATED AT 15,000 AND ITS TOTAL IN TEN DAYS ROSE TO 60,000. MEN OF THE THIRD ARMY ALSO LIBERATED 70 U S AIRMEN IN AFBACH TWO MILES SOUTH OF ERSFELD.



VATICAN CITY;

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THOUSANDS OF ALLIED TROOPS OUTNUMBERING THE ITALIAN CIVILIANS PRESENT ATTENDED TO EASTER MASSES CELEBRATED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN THE GREAT BASILICA OF ST PETERS SUNDAY. ALSO ATTENDING THE SERVICES WERE MANY MEMBERS OF THE BRAZIL AN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE AND A GROUP OF U.S. SAILORS.

LONDON;

THE MOSCOW RADIO ACCUSED FIELD MARSHAL KEITEL SUNDAY OF THREATENING REPRISALS AGAINST THE FAMILIES OF GERMAN SOLDIERS WHO SURRENDERED "AN ORDER SIGNED BY KEITEL ON HITLER'S SHOULDERS" THREATENING SURRENDERING GERMANS WITH REPRISALS AGAINST THEIR FAMILIES HAS BEEN FOUND BY TROOPS ON THE FIRST UKRAINIAN ARMY FRONT AMONG THE CAPTURED DOCUMENTS OF A GERMAN ARMORED DIVISION "SAID THE BROADCAST OF A FRONTLINE DISPATCH TO THE NEWSPAPER PRAVDA .

BROOKLYN;

FREDDIE RUSSO 131 RAHWAY NJ KNOCKED OUT GEORGE HARPER 127 1/2 BROOKLYN IN THE 2ND HALF OF THE 6TH ROUND OF THEIR SCHEDULED 8 ROUNDER SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE RIDGEWOOD GROVE ARENA. OTHER RESULTS INCLUDED BILLY GRAHAM 138 NEWYORK WON A DECISION OVER JEFF HOLLOWAY 138 AUGUSTA GA.

SHENANDOAH IOWA;

A QUINTET FROM MARYVILLE MO. WON A TRI STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT HERE TONIGHT DEFEATING SHENANDOAH FORTY SIX TO TWENTY ONE. YOUNGER OF MARYVILLE SCORED 11 POINTS TO SET THE HIGHEST TOURNAMENT RECORD OF SEVENTY NINE POINTS. TEAMS FROM IOWA NEBRASKA MISSOURI PARTICIPATED.

BUFFALO;

JIM RAFFERTY ECLIPSED NURMIS TWENTY YEAR OLD BUFFALO MARK OF 4-12 SATURDAY NIGHT HERE BY TOURING THE 8 LAP TRACK IN 4-10.9 FOR THE INVITATIONAL MILE MARKING HIS NIGHTS SUCCESSIVE VICTORY OF THE INDOOR SEASON. RUDY SIMMS WAS SECOND EIGHTEEN YARDS BACK AND FORREST EFAW WAS A DISTANT THIRD. GUNDER HAEGG THE SWEDISH TRACK STAR WHO WAS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RACE MAKING HIS FAREWELL APPEARANCE OF HIS AMERICAN TRACK TOUR WAS UNABLE TO COMPETE. HE WAS STRANDED IN MEMPHIS. AFTER BEING REMOVED FROM AN AMERICAN AIRLINES PLANE FOR A PRIORITY PASSENGER. HE SAID EARLIER THAT HE HOPED TO CATCH AN AFTERNOON PLANE BUT HE FAILED TO MAKE IT. HAEGG HAD BEEN VISITING HIS FIANCE IN THE WEST COAST.

PROVIDENCE RI;

SECOND LT FRANCIS CUSICK END OF THE 1942 NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL TEAM HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION OVER GERMANY SINCE JAN 23RD THE WAR DEPARTMENT SAID SATURDAY. CUSICK LEFT NOTRE DAME IN 1943 TO BECOME AN AIR CADET AT ROCKHURST COLLEGE KANSASCITY. HE WAS COMMISSIONED AT ELLINGTON FIELD TEXAS IN APRIL 1944 AND WENT OVER SEAS A FEW MONTHS LATER .

WASHINGTON;.

REJECTION OF RUSSIAN DEMANDS FOR A SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE INVITATION TO THE WARSAW POLES WAS INTERPRETED SUNDAY BY SOME SENATORS AS MARKING THE POSSIBLE EMERGENCY OF A FIRMER AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD THE SOVIETS. IT HAS BEEN NO SECRET ON CAPITAL HILL THAT LEGISLATORS HAVE BEEN IRKED BY THE SERIES OF JARRING ACTIONS THAT HAVE COME OUT OF MOSCOW LATELY. SENATOR GEORGE TOLD A REPORTER THE TIME HAS ARRIVED WHEN THE UNITED STATES MUST SPEAK PLAINLY.

NEWYORK;.

THE BAN ON HORSE RACING IS TO BE LIFTED ON V.E. DAY. JAMES F. BYRNES WAR MOBILIZER DIRECTOR WHO ORDERED A SHUTDOWN OF THE BILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY LAST CHRISTMAS EVE DISCLOSED THE BAN LIFTING PLANS YESTERDAY IN A REPORT TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND CONGRESS. COMING IN THE NATURE OF AN EASTER PRESENT FOR THE RACING PEOPLE WHOM BYRNES PRAISED AS "GOOD SPORTS" THE REPORT DECLARED IN PART "LAGGING PRODUCTION HAS MADE IT NECESSARY FOR VARIOUS CONSERVATION MEASURES TO BE PLACED INTO EFFECT TO INCLUDE A REDUCTION IN TRAVEL AND THE SUSPENSION OF RACING. THESE MEASURES ARE OF AN EMERGENCY NATURE AND WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE TRAVEL MEASURE SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN ON V E DAY." SPOKESMEN FOR THE SPORT RECEIVED THE NEWS IN A CHEERFUL MOOD BUT EVEN IF THE GATES ARE OPENED IMMEDIATELY IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT THE KENTUCKY DERBY AND PREAKNESS ALONG WITH OTHER FAMOUS STAKES COULD BE HELD AS SCHEDULED NEXT MONTH.

WASHINGTON;.

NEW CONGRESSIONAL DEMANDS THAT EIGHT YEAR OLDS BE KEPT OUT OF THE ARMY FRONT LINES AROSE SATURDAY AS THE ALLIED ADVANCE ACROSS GERMANY HEIGHTENED WASHINGTONS SCENT OF VICTORY IN EUROPE. WITH LAWMAKERS EXPECTING AN EARLY COLLAPSE OF NAZI ARMS SENATOR REVERCOMB A BIPARTISAN SENATE SUPPORT BEHIND AN AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT ACT WHICH WOULD KEEP THOSE UNDER NINETEEN OUT OF COMBAT UNITS. REBUFFED BY THE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WHICH REJECTED THE AMENDMENT BY A SIX TO THREE VOTE REVERCOMB ANNOUNCED HE WILL OFFER IT AGAIN WHEN THE SENATE TAKES UP A HOUSE APPROVED MEASURE FOR EXTENSION OF THE DRAFT ACT POSSIBLY NEXT WEEK. THE WEST VIRGINIAN SAID SENATOR STEWART WILL JOIN HIM AS AUTHOR OF THE PROPOSAL. SENATOR JOHNSON SAID HE WILL SUPPORT IT. REVERCOMB TOLD A REPORTER THAT THE UNITED STATES IS THE ONLY ALLIED NATION WHICH PERMITS MEN LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS AND SIX MONTHS TO ENTER INFANTRY COMBAT. HE SAID BRITAIN HAD FIXED THAT LIMIT BY STATUTE ADDING THAT THE RUSSIAN DRAFT ACT COVERS MEN FROM 19 THROUGH 50.

BOSTON;.

BLESSED WITH WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE FINEST CROP OF HEAVY WEIGHTS IN 20 YEARS THE NATIONAL A A U BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL OPEN AT THE BOSTON GARDEN MONDAY AFTER NOON WITH NINETY THREE SECTIONAL TITLISTS FROM 16 DISTRICTS BEFORE THE MIDNIGHT CURFEW THE COMMITTEE PLANS THE FIELD WILL BE REDUCED TO THE 32 SEMI FINALISTS WHO WILL BE CALLED UPON TO CONTINUE THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTS TUESDAY NIGHT.